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THIS WEEK NO. 5

ANNCR:

"THIS WEEK!"

FROM THE VOICE OF AMERICA, THE HIGHLIGHTS OF THE WEEK
GONE BY: A LOOK AT SOME OF THE EVENTS, A CROSS-SECTION OF
SOME OF THE IDEAS AND THE VOICES OF SOME OF THE PEOPLE WHO
MADE NEWS DURING THE PAST SEVEN DAYS. YOUR NARRATOR
IS _____.

NARR:

THE VOTE WAS NINE IN FAVOR, FIVE NOT VOTING OR ABSTAINING,
AND ONLY ONE AGAINST. BUT THAT ONE NO VOTE WAS DECISIVE.
THE UNITED STATES -- TRADITIONALLY RELUCTANT TO EXERCISE ITS
SECURITY COUNCIL VETO -- THIS WEEK REJECTED A UNITED NATIONS
RESOLUTION CALLING FOR PALESTINIAN STATEHOOD AND ISRAEL'S
WITHDRAWAL FROM ALL OCCUPIED ARAB TERRITORY. THE VETOED
RESOLUTION WAS SPONSORED BY SIX NON-ALIGNED SECURITY COUNCIL
MEMBERS WITH THE SUPPORT OF THE THREE ARAB COUNTRIES MOST
DIRECTLY INVOLVED -- JORDAN, SYRIA AND EGYPT. (OPT) WHILE
IT ALSO GUARANTEED THE SOVEREIGNTY OF ALL STATES IN THE
AREA, ISRAEL SAW THE PROPOSAL AS A DELIBERATE ATTEMPT TO
SABOTAGE THE MIDDLE EAST PEACE EFFORT, AND ISRAELI U.N.
REPRESENTATIVE CHAIM HERZOG PREDICTABLY PRAISED THE ACTION
OF THE UNITED STATES:

TAPE: CUT ONE -- HERZOG (0:27):

(OPT) "THIS HAD BEEN A MOVE DESIGNED TO DESTROY ALL THE
PEACEMAKING PROGRESS IN THE MIDDLE EAST, INITIATED BY THE
SYRIANS AND THE PLO. AND NEITHER WE NOR, I'M PLEASED TO
SAY, WERE THE UNITED STATES PREPARED TO CONTEMPLATE THIS.
WE'RE BEING SUCCESSFUL IN THE PEACEMAKING EFFORTS IN THE
MIDDLE EAST. WE'VE MADE CERTAIN ADVANCES. AND THESE PEOPLE
NOW WERE TRYING TO PUT THE CLOCK BACK AND GO BACK TO THE ANARCHY
WE HAD BEFORE."

NARR:

(OPT) THE REACTION OF THE PALESTINIAN LIBERATION ORGANIZATION ALSO WAS PREDICTABLE. ITS U.N. REPRESENTATIVE, FAROUK KADDOUMI, SAW THE VETO AS FURTHER EVIDENCE OF AMERICAN ONE-SIDEDNESS IN THE MIDDLE EAST DISPUTE.

TAPE: CUT TWO -- KADDOUMI (0:31):

(OPT) "THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT, WHICH POSES AS THE MEDIATOR IN THE ARAB-ISRAELI CONFLICT, IS NOW MUCH CONCERNED WITH THE STATED NEEDS AND AMBITIONS OF ONE PARTY, SO MUCH SO THAT IT TOTALLY AND COMPLETELY IGNORES THE RIGHTS OF THE OTHER PARTY EVEN AT THE COST OF ENDANGERING THE PROCESS OF PEACE FOR WHICH WE ARE FIGHTING, IN WHICH WE ARE GENUINELY INTERESTED AND TO WHICH WE ARE POSITIVELY CONTRIBUTING."

NARR:

(OPT) BUT FOR THE UNITED STATES, THE QUESTION WAS NOT THE RIGHTS OF ONE SIDE AS OPPOSED TO THOSE OF THE OTHER.
(END OPT) AMERICAN AMBASSADOR DANIEL MOYNIHAN TOLD THE COUNCIL MEMBERS THAT THE VETO WAS NOT A RESULT OF ANY ANTIPATHY TOWARD THE PALESTINIANS. IT WAS, HE SAID, AN ATTEMPT TO PRESERVE THE EXISTING FRAMEWORK FOR MIDDLE EAST NEGOTIATIONS -- A FRAMEWORK ITSELF CREATED BY TWO U.N. RESOLUTIONS AND AGREED TO BY ALL PARTIES TO THE CONFLICT.

TAPE: CUT THREE -- MOYNIHAN (0:38):

"THE PROVISIONS THAT WERE BEFORE US WERE SUCH THAT WE CONSIDERED (THAT) THE NEGOTIATING FRAMEWORK WOULD HAVE BEEN ALTERED IN WAYS THAT WOULD HAVE BEEN SERIOUSLY HARMFUL TO THE FUTURE OF THE PEACEMAKING PROCESS. WE UNDERSTAND THE REASONS BEHIND MANY OF THE IDEAS THAT HAVE BEEN PRESENTED HERE AND WE ARE NOT CLOSING THE DOOR TO THE INTRODUCTION INTO THE NEGOTIATING PROCESS OF CONSIDERATIONS THAT HAVE NOT YET BEEN ADDRESSED."

NARR:

THE AMERICAN CONCERN WAS THAT PASSAGE OF THE RESOLUTION WOULD HAVE DESTROYED THE NEGOTIATING FLEXIBILITY THAT IS NECESSARY FOR A LASTING MIDDLE EAST SETTLEMENT TO BE REACHED. AND LOOKING AHEAD, SECRETARY GENERAL KURT WALDHEIM WARNED THAT STAGNATION NOW COULD PROVE DISASTROUS.

TAPE: CUT FOUR -- WALDHEIM (0:33):

"I FEEL THAT IT IS MY DUTY TO EXPRESS THE GENERAL AND GROWING ANXIETY IN THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY AT LARGE AT THE VERY GREAT DIFFICULTIES WHICH ARE BEING EXPERIENCED IN MAKING PROGRESS TOWARDS A JUST AND LASTING SETTLEMENT OF THE MIDDLE EAST PROBLEM. IT IS GENERALLY RECOGNIZED THAT STAGNATION AND STALEMATE CAN ONLY LEAD TO FURTHER FRUSTRATION, AND THAT CONTINUED FRUSTRATION WILL UNAVOIDABLY LEAD TO FURTHER VIOLENCE."

NARR:

ISRAELI PRIME MINISTER YITZHAK RABIN -- WHO WAS IN THE UNITED STATES ON A STATE VISIT -- TOLD CONGRESS THIS WEEK THAT HIS COUNTRY IS READY FOR FURTHER NEGOTIATIONS WITH ANY ARAB STATE. BUT HE MADE IT CLEAR THAT ISRAEL HAS NO INTENTION OF CHANGING ITS REFUSAL TO MEET WITH THE PALESTINE LIBERATION ORGANIZATION.

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THERE WAS UNACCUSTOMED QUIET IN LEBANON THIS WEEK, AS THE SYRIAN-BACKED TRUCE IN THE LEBANESE CIVIL WAR TOOK HOLD. FOR THE FIRST TIME SINCE APRIL, THE STREETS OF BEIRUT WERE FREE OF RIVAL CHRISTIAN AND MOSLEM FORCES. AND DESPITE SEVERAL MINOR VIOLATIONS, THE CITY WAS SECURE ENOUGH FOR LEBANESE ARMY UNITS TO MOVE INTO THE COMMERCIAL, PORT AND HOTEL DISTRICTS WHERE MUCH OF THE FIGHTING HAS TAKEN PLACE. THE CEASEFIRE ALSO IS BEING POLICED BY ABOUT TEN THOUSAND PALESTINE LIBERATION ARMY TROOPS FROM SYRIA AND OTHER PALESTINIAN GUERRILLAS, WHO ARE UNDER ORDERS TO SHOOT AT ANY VIOLATORS. SO FAR, THEIR ATTEMPT TO STOP THE TEN-MONTH CIVIL WAR HAS WORKED. BUT THE EFFORT AT RELIEF AND RECONCILIATION HAS ONLY STARTED. HEALTH WORKERS WEARING PROTECTIVE MASKS AGAINST INFECTION COMBED THROUGH THE RUBBLE OF BEIRUT THIS WEEK, DIGGING UP HUNDREDS OF BODIES. THOUSANDS OF REFUGEES ARE BEING CONVOYED HOME,

THOUGH MANY ARE FINDING THAT THEIR HOUSES ARE NO LONGER STANDING. PRIME MINISTER RASHID KARAMI HAS PROMISED A PROGRAM OF SOCIAL, ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL REFORM, BUT FOR THE MOMENT, THE IMMEDIATE NEEDS OF CARING FOR THE POPULATION TOOK PRECEDENCE.

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IN STILL ANOTHER CIVIL WAR -- THIS ONE IN ANGOLA -- THE PROSPECTS FOR PEACE WERE DECIDELY WORSE. SOVIET-BACKED POPULAR MOVEMENT TROOPS CONTINUED THEIR DRIVE FORWARD THROUGHOUT THE WEEK, AND THE TWO ANTI-COMMUNIST FACTIONS -- UNITA AND THE NATIONAL FRONT -- PREPARED WHAT COULD BE A LAST-STAND DEFENSIVE LINE. DESPITE THE MOMENTUM OF THE PRO-COMMUNIST FORCES, MOSCOW HINTED THIS WEEK THAT IT MIGHT ACCEPT A COMPROMISE SOLUTION TO THE ANGOLAN WAR. AN EDITORIAL IN THE GOVERNMENT NEWSPAPER IZVESTIA SAID IT WOULD WELCOME THE "CONSOLIDATION" OF "ALL THE PATRIOTIC FORCES WORKING FOR THE GENUINE INDEPENDENCE AND FREE DEVELOPMENT OF THEIR COUNTRY." HERE IN WASHINGTON, THE STATE DEPARTMENT SAID IT WELCOMES THE IZVESTIA STATEMENT IF IT MEANS A CONTRIBUTION TO A POLITICAL SETTLEMENT.

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THE FIGHTING IN ANGOLA IS VERY MUCH AN INTERNATIONAL AFFAIR. SOVIET MILITARY AID AND UP TO ELEVEN THOUSAND CUBAN TROOPS HAVE MADE THE POPULAR MOVEMENT THE DOMINANT MILITARY FORCE IN THE CIVIL WAR. THIS WEEK, THE CITIZENS OF CUBA WERE TOLD OFFICIALLY THAT THOSE CUBAN SOLDIERS WERE FIGHTING IN ANGOLA. AN EDITORIAL IN CUBA'S COMMUNIST PARTY NEWSPAPER PRAISED WHAT IT REFERRED TO AS THE

HEROIC CUBAN COMBATANTS. IN SOUTH AFRICA, WHICH HAS BEEN SUPPORTING THE UNITA FACTION AGAINST THE COMMUNISTS, THE GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCED THIS WEEK THAT IT WILL NOT WITHDRAW ITS MILITARY FORCES FROM ANGOLA UNLESS IT GETS SECURE BORDER GUARANTEES FOR NAMIBIA, WHICH SOUTH AFRICA CONTINUES TO ADMINISTER AGAINST U.N. GENERAL ASSEMBLY OPPOSITION.

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THE MOST PUBLIC DEBATE OVER ASSISTANCE TO ANGOLA IS TAKING PLACE HERE IN THE UNITED STATES. THIS WEEK, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES JOINED THE SENATE IN ORDERING AN END TO COVERT AMERICAN ASSISTANCE TO THE PRO-WESTERN FACTIONS THERE. THE HOUSE ACTION CAME DESPITE A STRONG APPEAL FROM PRESIDENT FORD, WHO SAID THE UNITED STATES SHOULD NOT REFUSE A REQUEST FROM AN AFRICAN PEOPLE WHO SEEK NOTHING MORE THAN TO DECIDE THEIR OWN POLITICAL FUTURE. AFTER THE VOTE, SPOKESMAN RON NESSEN EXPRESSED THE PRESIDENT'S DISAPPOINTMENT.

TAPE: CUT FIVE -- NESSEN (0:20):

"THE CONGRESS HAS STATED TO THE WORLD THAT IT WILL IGNORE A CLEAR ACT OF SOVIET-CUBAN EXPANSION BY BRUTE MILITARY FORCE INTO AREAS THOUSANDS OF MILES FROM EITHER COUNTRY. THE CONSEQUENCES OF THIS ACT CAN ONLY RESULT IN SERIOUS HARM TO THE INTERESTS OF THE UNITED STATES."

NARR:

BUT THE OVERWHELMING MAJORITY IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES REJECTED THE ARGUMENT THAT THE UNITED STATES HAD TO COUNTERACT THE SOVIET INTERVENTION. A TYPICAL VIEW WAS EXPRESSED BY CONGRESSMAN TOBY MOFFETT.

TAPE: CUT SIX: MOFFETT (0:19):

"WE HAVE BEEN TOLD BY STATE DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS AS WELL AS OTHERS THAT THERE IS NO CLEAR NATIONAL SECURITY INTEREST AT STAKE HERE BUT (THAT) THIS IS A MATTER LARGELY OF SUPERPOWER POLITICS. AND WITH REGARD TO THAT, WE DON'T FEEL THAT ANGOLAN BLOOD SHOULD BE SPILLED BECAUSE OF U.S. AND SOVIET DIFFERENCES."

NARR:

THE FORD ADMINISTRATION HAS NOT GIVEN UP ON THE ANGOLAN AID QUESTION, AND SECRETARY OF STATE KISSINGER TOLD A SENATE COMMITTEE THAT MR. FORD MIGHT ASK CONGRESS TO VOTE FOR OPEN ASSISTANCE TO THE ANTI-COMMUNIST FORCES.

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SPAIN'S COUNCIL OF THE REALM -- A HOLDOVER FROM THE DICTATORSHIP OF FRANCISCO FRANCO -- THIS WEEK APPROVED THE GOVERNMENT'S REQUEST FOR A ONE-YEAR EXTENSION OF THE PARLIAMENT. PRIME MINISTER CARLOS ARIAS SAID HE NEEDED THE EXTENSION TO PROVIDE THE TIME FOR GRADUAL POLITICAL REFORM, AND IN A TELEVISION SPEECH ON WEDNESDAY, HE MADE HIS PLAN PUBLIC. MR. ARIAS PROPOSED A BICAMERAL ASSEMBLY, THE ENACTMENT OF NEW LAWS TO PROTECT BASIC FREEDOMS AND THE LEGALIZATION OF POLITICAL GROUPS THAT -- HE SAID -- ARE COMPATIBLE WITH THE CONSTITUTION. BUT THE PRIME MINISTER DID NOT PROVIDE A SCHEDULE FOR PUTTING THE REFORMS INTO EFFECT AND HE STOPPED SHORT OF PROMISING THAT OPPOSITION POLITICAL PARTIES WOULD BE PERMITTED. SOME OPPOSITION GROUPS MADE IT CLEAR THEY THOUGHT THE SPEECH SHOULD HAVE GONE FURTHER, AND THEY CRITICIZED MR. ARIAS' PLAN AS TOO VAGUE AND TOO CONSERVATIVE. AND AT WEEK'S END, THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE SAID SPAIN WILL NOT BE OFFERED MEMBERSHIP UNTIL IT RESTORES HUMAN RIGHTS AND FUNDAMENTAL

FREEDOMS, AND ANNOUNCES AMNESTY FOR ALL POLITICAL PRISONERS AND EXILES.

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SPAIN'S FORMER COLONY IN THE WESTERN SAHARA BECAME A BATTLEGROUND AGAIN THIS WEEK. FIGHTING BETWEEN ALGERIAN AND MOROCCAN TROOPS TOOK PLACE FOR SEVERAL DAYS, APPARENTLY ENDING WITH AT LEAST A TACTICAL MOROCCAN VICTORY. ALGERIAN TROOPS WITHDREW FROM THE OASIS TOWN OF AMGALA, AND MOROCCO CLAIMED THAT IT CAPTURED ONE HUNDRED ALGERIAN SOLDIERS AND A LARGE QUANTITY OF ARMS, INCLUDING SURFACE-TO-AIR MISSILES. THIS WEEK'S FIGHTING WAS THE FIRST SERIOUS CONFLICT BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES SINCE MOROCCO'S KING HASSAN STAGED A MASS MARCH INTO THE TERRITORY LAST NOVEMBER. A NUMBER OF ARAB STATES QUICKLY SENT OUT MEDIATORS IN AN ATTEMPT TO PREVENT A FULL-SCALE WAR FROM BREAKING OUT. ALGERIA OPPOSES A MOROCCAN AND MAURITANIAN TAKEOVER OF THE WESTERN SAHARA FROM SPAIN, WHICH HAS ALREADY WITHDRAWN ITS OWN MILITARY FORCES AND PLANS TO DISBAND ITS ADMINISTRATIVE MACHINERY BY THE END OF NEXT MONTH.

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THE INVESTIGATION OF U.S. INTELLIGENCE ACTIVITIES HAS BEEN A CONTINUING SOURCE OF FRICTION BETWEEN THE FORD ADMINISTRATION AND CONGRESS. THIS WEEK, IT CREATED ONE OF THE MOST HEATED CONFRONTATIONS YET WHEN SEVERAL AMERICAN NEWS ORGANIZATIONS GOT ACCESS TO THE FIRST DRAFT OF A HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES INTELLIGENCE COMMITTEE REPORT. THE REPORT SAID THE CIA AND OTHER U.S. INTELLIGENCE AGENCIES HAVE BEEN SPENDING SEVERAL TIMES THE AMOUNT OF MONEY THAT THEY REPORT TO CONGRESS. BUT IT SAID THAT ALL THAT MONEY

HAS NOT PREVENTED SOME SERIOUS INTELLIGENCE OMISSIONS, INCLUDING FAILURE TO PREDICT THE 1968 SOVIET INVASION OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA OR TO ANTICIPATE INDIA'S EXPLOSION OF A NUCLEAR DEVICE. THE FORD ADMINISTRATION CHARGED THAT THE LEAK OF THE REPORT VIOLATED ITS ARRANGEMENT WITH THE COMMITTEE ON HOW TO HANDLE SENSITIVE INFORMATION. AND THOUGH THE SUBSTANCE OF MUCH OF THE REPORT WAS ALREADY KNOWN, THE FULL HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES SUPPORTED THE WHITE HOUSE PROTESTS BY VOTING AT WEEK'S END TO PROHIBIT FORMAL PUBLICATION UNTIL THE SECRETS IN IT ARE CLEARED FOR PUBLIC RELEASE BY MR. FORD.

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(OPT) WHILE THE DEBATE WAS STILL GOING ON, THE U.S. SENATE APPROVED THE NOMINATION OF GEORGE BUSH, A FORMER CONGRESSMAN AND U.S. REPRESENTATIVE TO CHINA, TO BE THE NEW DIRECTOR OF THE CIA. AND PRESIDENT FORD AWARDED THE NATIONAL SECURITY MEDAL TO OUTGOING CIA DIRECTOR WILLIAM COLBY, WHO WAS FIRED FROM HIS JOB SEVERAL MONTHS AGO IN A FORD ADMINISTRATION SHAKE-UP. (END OPT)

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(OPT) THE NEW AMERICAN DEFENSE SECRETARY, DONALD RUMSFELD, MADE HIS FIRST FORMAL REPORT TO CONGRESS THIS WEEK. MR. RUMSFELD SAID THE CONTINUED SOVIET MILITARY BUILD-UP MEANS THE UNITED STATES SHOULD INCREASE ITS DEFENSE SPENDING. THE DEBATE OVER AMERICAN DEFENSE SPENDING HAS BEEN ECLIPSED IN RECENT YEARS BY SUCH EVENTS AS VIETNAM AND WATERGATE, BUT THIS YEAR, SENATORS AND CONGRESSMEN ON BOTH SIDES OF THE ISSUE ARE EXPECTED TO MAKE IT A TOP PRIORITY. (END OPT)

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(OPT) ALABAMA GOVERNOR GEORGE WALLACE WON HIS FIRST POLITICAL VICTORY THIS WEEK OF THE AMERICAN ELECTION YEAR.

MR. WALLACE RECEIVED THREE TIMES THE VOTES OF HIS NEAREST RIVAL IN DEMOCRATIC PARTY CAUCUSES IN THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI THE CAUCUS VOTING WILL AFFECT MISSISSIPPI'S DELEGATION TO THE DEMOCRATIC PRESIDENTIAL NOMINATING CONVENTION, BUT THE MAIN IMPACT OF THE WALLACE WIN THERE WAS PSYCHOLOGICAL: THE FIRST REAL EVIDENCE OF EFFECTIVE ORGANIZING BY MR. WALLACE'S SUPPORTERS. (END OPT)

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ANNCR:

THOSE ARE SOME OF THE STORIES MAKING HEADLINES THIS WEEK. YOUR NARRATOR WAS _____. JOIN US AGAIN NEXT _____, WHEN THE VOICE OF AMERICA TAKES A LOOK AT THE NEXT SEVEN DAYS ON "THIS WEEK."

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